

# Sealed Civil User's Manual

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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### SEALED CIVIL USER'S MANUAL

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### INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to guide an ECF user through the process of electronically filing restricted documents in a civil case. Under LR 5.6 "All documents filed in a civil case —whether sealed or not — must be filed in compliance with the Civil ECF Procedures Guide."

Please note that for SEALED civil cases where the entire case is sealed, all documents must continue to be filed in paper; no party will be able to electronically file documents or have electronic access to documents in SEALED cases. Please deliver all documents for sealed cases to the Clerk's Office.

Under LR 5.6 each sealed document must be filed SEPARATELY so that each document is assigned its own docket number. A party seeking to file a document under seal in connection with a motion under LR 7.1 must:

- 1. File the temporarily sealed document using the appropriate menu item (i.e. Memorandum in Support of Motion).
- 2. Contemporaneously file a redacted public version of the sealed document OR a statement that the entire document is confidential or redaction is impracticable.
- 3. Within 21 days after the filing of the final memorandum authorized by LR 7.1, file a Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing.

ECF is also able to accommodate sealed filings outside of LR 7.1 motion practice. Filing events are available for sealed case initiation documents (i.e. complaint, notice of removal), sealed letters, sealed stipulations and sealed exhibits. A prompt has also been added to certain events, such as an answer, allowing the filer to select if the document being filed is sealed.

Please call or email the ECF Help Desk at 612-664-5155 or <u>ecfhelpdesk@mnd.uscourts.gov</u> if you have questions concerning how to electronically file a restricted document.

### **MOTION PRACTICE**

### **Document in Support of a Motion is Sealed**

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu



2. Select **Supporting Documents and Responses** under the Motions, Related Filings, and Sealed Filings Category.



3. Read the filing tip and click **Next**.



4. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



5. Click Next

6. Select the **applicable event** from the event list and click **Next**.



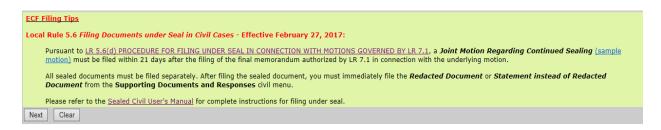
7. **Select the filer** by clicking on the appropriate party and click **Next.** 



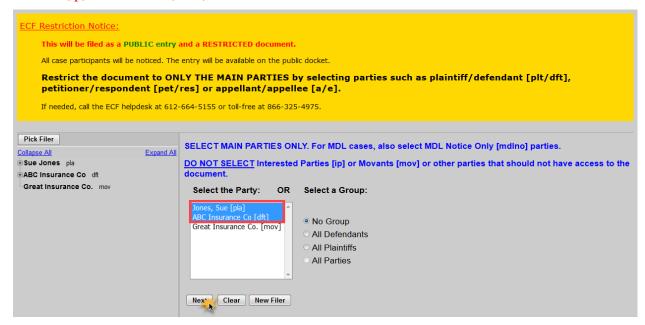
8. Click **Yes** to file a sealed document and click **Next**.



9. Read the **Filing Tip** and click **Next**.



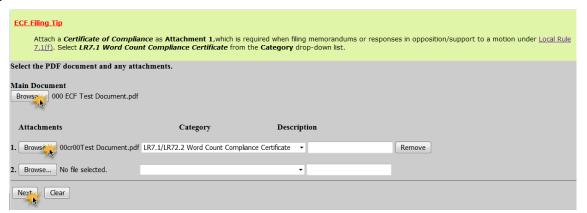
10. Select **ONLY** the **parties** who should have **access to the document**. \*\***IMPORTANT**: <u>ALL SELECTED PARTIES WILL SEE THE DOCUMENT</u>. Do NOT select Interested Parties (ip) or Movants (mov).



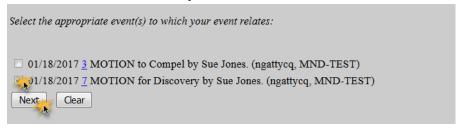
11. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.



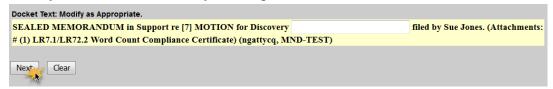
- 12. Click the **Browse** button to attach the document and the LR 7.1/7.2 Word Count Compliance Certificate, if applicable, and click **Next.**
- \*\*NOTE: EACH sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number. The only item that should be attached is a LR 7.1/7.2 Word Count Compliance Certificate, if applicable.



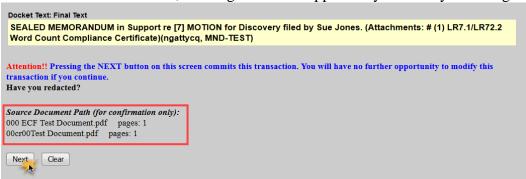
13. Select the motion to which your document relates and click Next.



14. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.



15. Confirm the correct document(s) is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.



16. The NEF (Notice of Electronic Filing) screen will display confirming the filing.

Notice of Electronic Filing			
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Case Name:	Jones v. ABC Insurance Co		
Case Number:	0:17-cv-00001-JNE-SER		
Filer:	Sue Jones		
Document Number: 17			
Docket Text: SEALED MEMORANDUM in Support re [7] MOTION for Discovery filed by Sue Jones. (Attachments: # (1) LR7.1/LR72.2 Word Count Compliance Certificate)(ngattycq, MND-TEST)			

17. Follow the procedure on page 11 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document.

### **Exhibit to a Supporting Document is sealed**

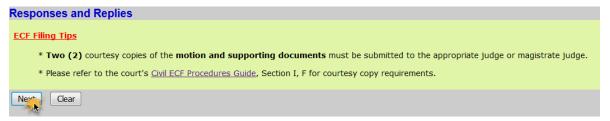
1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **Supporting Documents and Responses** under the Motions, Related Filings, and Sealed Filings Category.



3. Read the filing tip and click **Next**.

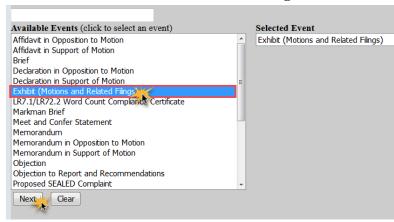


4. Enter the **Case Number** and click **Next**.



5. Click Next

6. Select Exhibit (Motions and Related Filings) and click Next.



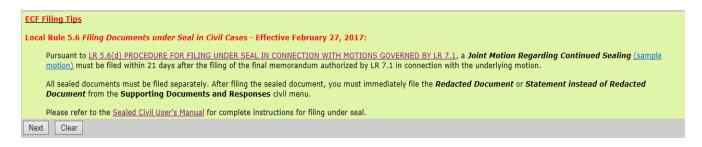
7. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



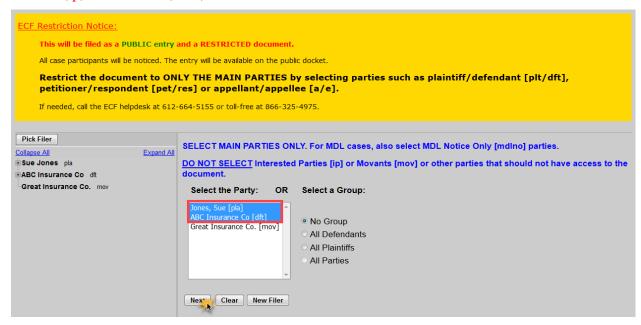
8. Click **Yes** to file a sealed document and click **Next**.



9. Read the **Filing Tip** and click **Next**.



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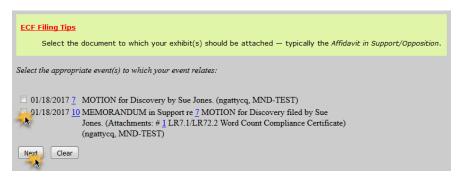
11. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.



- 12. Label and upload the exhibit.
  - a. Enter the Exhibit number or letter.
  - b. Click the Browse button to attach the exhibit and click Next.
- **\*\*NOTE: EACH** sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number. Do not add any attachments.



13. Select the document to which your exhibit should be attached and click Next.



14. Read the Filing Tip and click Next.



15. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.

Docket Text: Modify as App	ropriate.
SEALED EXHIBIT B	re [10] Memorandum in Support of Motion filed by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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16. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

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17. The NEF (Notice of Electronic Filing) screen will display confirming the filing.



18. Follow the procedure on page 11 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document.

### <u>Redacted Document or Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact (Motion Practice)</u>

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **Supporting Documents and Responses** under the Motions, Related Filings, and Sealed Filings Category.



3. Read the **filing tip** and click **Next**.

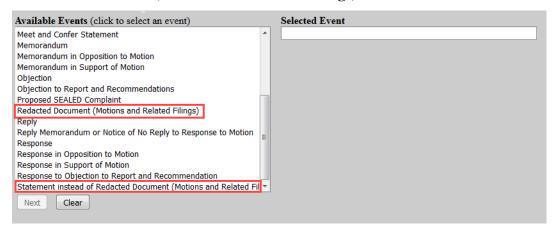


4. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



5. Click Next

6. Select Redacted Document (Motions and Related Filings) OR Statement instead of Redacted Document (Motions and Related Filings) and click Next.

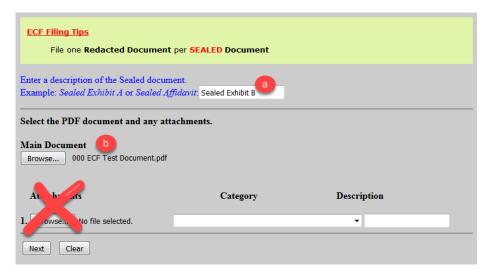


7. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



- 8. Label and upload the redacted document.
  - a. Enter a **description of the sealed document** (i.e. *Sealed Exhibit B* or *Sealed Affidavit*).
  - b. Click the **Browse** button to attach the **redacted document** OR **statement** and click **Next.**

\*\*NOTE: EACH redacted document must be filed <u>separately</u> with its own docket number. One Statement may be filed for multiple sealed documents. **Do not add any attachments.** 



9. If a **STATEMENT** is being filed, **select the reason for the statement** and click **Next**. If a REDACTED DOCUMENT is being filed skip this step and go to step 10.

Select reason for filing a statement in lieu of a redacted document:  © Entire Document Confidential		
O Impracticable to Redact		
Next Clear		

10. Select the sealed document that relates to the redacted document and click Next.

ECF Filing Tips  Select the sealed document of this redacted document.
Select the appropriate event(s) to which your event relates:
□ 01/18/2017 10 MEMORANDUM in Support re 7 MOTION for Discovery filed by Sue  Jones. (Attachments: # 1 LR7.1/LR72.2 Word Count Compliance Certificate)  (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
01/31/2017 19 SEALED EXHIBIT B re 10 Memorandum in Support of Motion filed by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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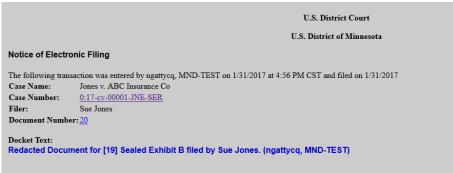
11. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click **Next**.

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Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.  STATEMENT INSTEAD OF REDACTED DOCUMENT: Entire Document Confidential for [19] Sealed Exhibit B filed			
by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)	ential for [15] Sealed Exhibit B		
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12. Confirm that the correct document has been attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

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### **Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing**

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **Motions** under the Motions, Related Filings, and Sealed Filings category.



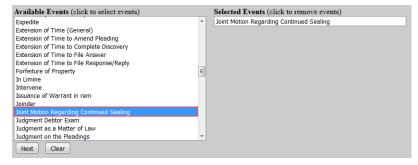
3. Read the **filing tip** and click **Next**.



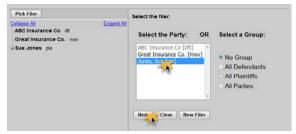
4. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



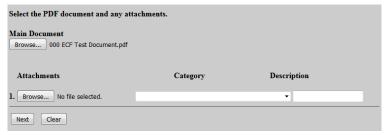
- 5. Click Next
- 6. Select Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing and click Next.



7. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



8. Click the **Browse** button to attach the motion and click **Next.** 



9. Select the **sealed document(s)** the motion relates to and click Next.



10. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click **Next**.

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JOINT MOTION REGARDING CONTINUED SEALING re [19] Exhibit, [18] Memorandum in Support of Motion, [17] Memorandum in Support				
of Motion	filed by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)			
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11. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

Docket Text: Final Text JOINT MOTION REGARDING CONTINUED SEALING re [19] Exhibit, [18] Memorandum in Support of Motion, [17] Memorandum in Support of Motion filed by Sue Jones. (ngattycg, MND-TEST)		
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### **Motion for Further Consideration**

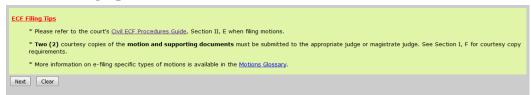
1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **Motions** under the Motions, Related Filings, and Sealed Filings category.



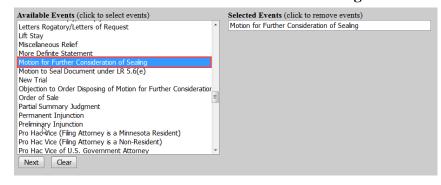
3. Read the **filing tip** and click **Next.** 



4. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



- 5. Click Next
- 6. Select Motion for Further Consideration of Sealing and click Next.



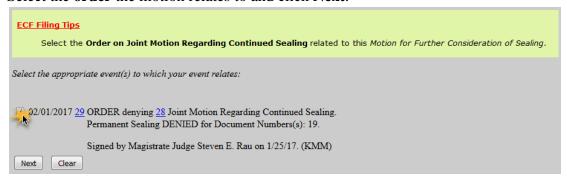
7. **Select the filer** by clicking on the appropriate party and click **Next.** 



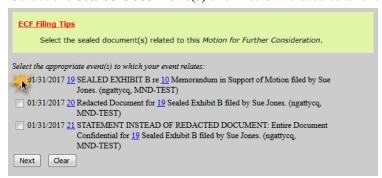
8. Click the **Browse** button to attach the motion and click **Next.** 



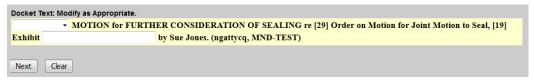
9. Select the **order** the motion relates to and click **Next**.



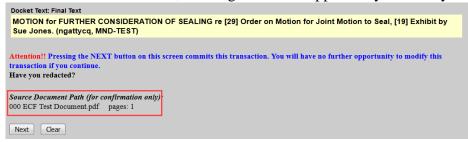
10. Select the **sealed document(s)** the motion relates to and click **Next**.



11. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.



12. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.



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### **Objection to Order on Motion for Further Consideration**

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



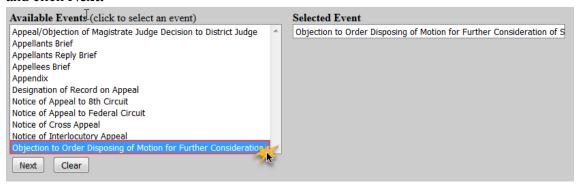
2. Select **Appeal Documents** under the Other Filings category.



3. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select Objection to Order Disposing of Motion for Further Consideration of Sealing and click Next.



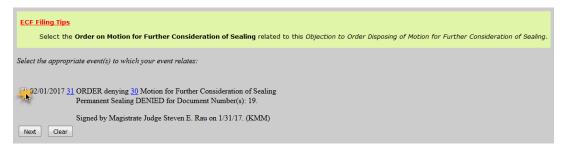
6. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



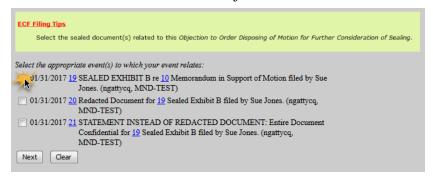
7. Click the **Browse** button to attach the objection and click **Next.** 



8. Select the **order** the motion relates to and click **Next**.



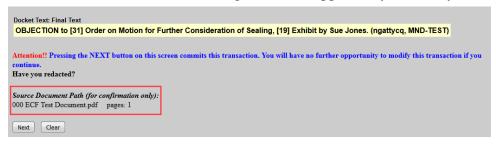
9. Select the **sealed document** the objection relates to and click Next.



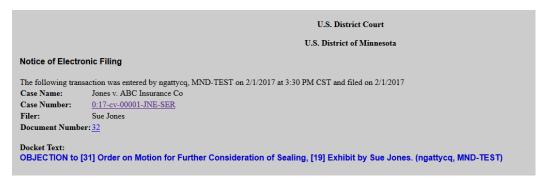
10. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.



11. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.



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# OTHER SEALED DOCUMENTS – NOT RELATED TO MOTION PRACTICE

### Ex Parte Submission/In Camera Review

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **SEALED & Ex Parte Non-Motion Documents** under the Other Filings Category.



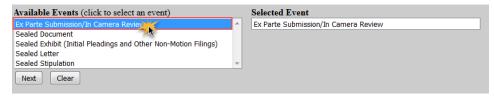
3. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. Select Ex Parte Submission/In Camera Review from the event list and click Next.



7. Read the **Restriction Notice** and click **Next.** 

ECF Restriction Notice:
Both the entry and document will be filed Ex Parte.
Only the filer and the court will have access to the entry and documents. No other parties will be noticed. The entry will not be available on the public docket.
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8. Select the type of Ex Parte filing and click **Next**.

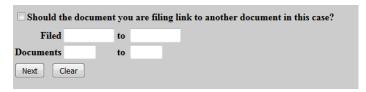


- 9. Click the **Browse** button to attach the letter and click **Next.**
- \*\*NOTE: EACH sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number.

  Do not add any attachments.



- 10. Select whether your document should be **linked** to another document in the case.
  - a. If YES, **check the box** and click **Next**. On the next screen, select the document to which it should be linked.
  - b. If NO, leave the box **unchecked** and click **Next**.



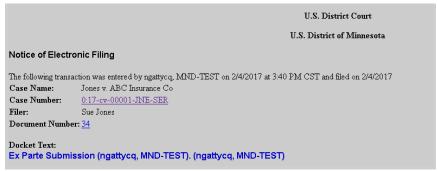
11. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.

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12. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

Docket Text: Final Text  Ex Parte Submission (ngattycq, MND-TEST). (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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### **Sealed Document**

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



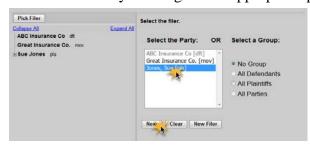
2. Select **SEALED & Ex Parte Non-Motion Documents** under the Other Filings Category.



3. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. Select **Sealed Document** from the event list and click **Next.** 



7. Read the **Filing Tip** and click **Next.** 



8. Select **ONLY** the **parties** who should have **access to the document**. \*\***IMPORTANT**: <u>ALL SELECTED PARTIES WILL SEE THE DOCUMENT</u>. Do NOT select Interested Parties (ip) or Movants (mov).



9. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.



- 10. Label and upload the document.
  - c. Enter a **description** of the document.
  - d. Click the **Browse** button to attach the **document** and click **Next.**
- \*\*NOTE: EACH sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number.

  Do not add any attachments.



- 11. Select whether your document should be **linked** to another document in the case.
  - a. If YES, **check the box** and click **Next**. On the next screen, select the document to which it should be linked.
  - b. If NO, leave the box **unchecked** and click **Next**.

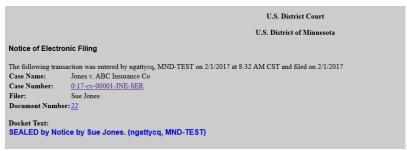
☐ Should the document you are filing link to another document in this case?			
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#### 12. Click Next

13. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

Docket Text: Final Text SEALED Notice by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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15. Follow the procedure on page 37 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document. No Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing is required.

### Sealed Exhibit to an Initial Pleading or Other Non-Motion Filing

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



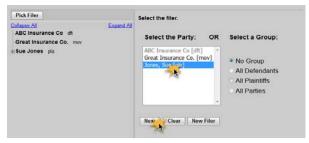
2. Select **SEALED & Ex Parte Non-Motion Documents** under the Other Filings Category.



3. Enter the **Case Number** and click **Next.** 



- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. Select **Sealed Exhibit** (**Initial Pleadings and Other Non-Motion Filings**) from the event list and click **Next.** 



7. Read the **Filing Tip** and click **Next.** 



8. Select **ONLY** the **parties** who should have **access to the document**. \*\***IMPORTANT**: <u>ALL SELECTED PARTIES WILL SEE THE DOCUMENT</u>. Do NOT select Interested Parties (ip) or Movants (mov).

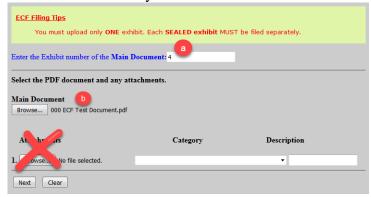


9. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.

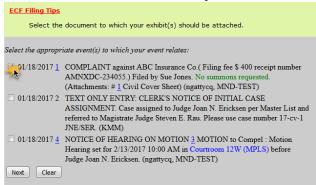


- 10. Label and upload the document.
  - e. Enter the Exhibit number or letter.
  - f. Click the **Browse** button to attach the **exhibit** and click **Next.**

**\*\*NOTE: EACH sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number.**Do not add any attachments.



11. Select the document to which your exhibit should be attached and click Next.



12. Read the Filing Tip and click Next.



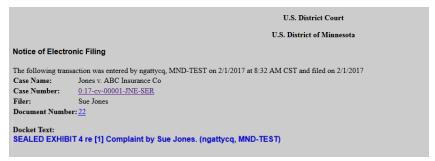
13. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.

Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.	
SEALED EXHIBIT 4	re [1] Complaint by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
Next Clear	

14. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

Docket Text: Final Text SEALED EXHIBIT 4 re [1] Complaint by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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15. The NEF (Notice of Electronic Filing) screen will display confirming the filing.



16. Follow the procedure on page 37 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document. No Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing is required.

### **Sealed Letter**

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **SEALED & Ex Parte Non-Motion Documents** under the Other Filings Category.



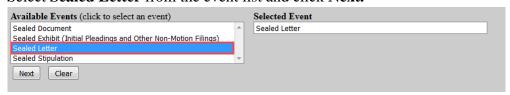
3. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



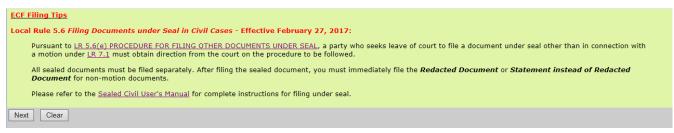
- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. Select Sealed Letter from the event list and click Next.



7. Read the **Filing Tip** and click **Next.** 



8. Select **ONLY** the **parties** who should have **access to the document**. \*\***IMPORTANT**: <u>ALL SELECTED PARTIES WILL SEE THE DOCUMENT</u>. Do NOT select Interested Parties (ip) or Movants (mov).



9. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.



- 10. Click the **Browse** button to attach the letter and click **Next.**
- \*\*NOTE: EACH sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number.

  Do not add any attachments.



11. Select the **type of letter** and click **Next**.



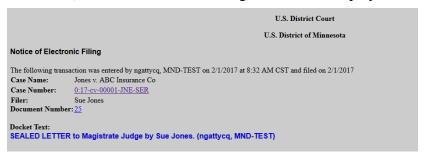
12. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click **Next**.

Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.		
SEALED LETTER to Magistrate Judge	by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)	
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13. Confirm that the correct document has been attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

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15. Follow the procedure on page 37 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document. No Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing is required.

### **Sealed Stipulation**

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **SEALED & Ex Parte Non-Motion Documents** under the Other Filings Category.



3. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. Select **Sealed Stipulation** from the event list and click **Next.** 



7. Read each **Filing Tip** and click **Next** after each.



8. Select **ONLY** the **parties** who should have **access to the document**. \*\***IMPORTANT**: <u>ALL SELECTED PARTIES WILL SEE THE DOCUMENT</u>. Do NOT select Interested Parties (ip) or Movants (mov).

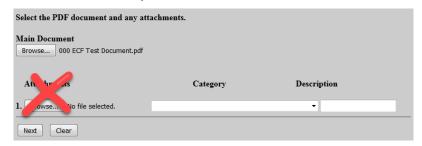


9. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.



- 10. Click the **Browse** button to attach the stipulation and click **Next.**
- \*\*NOTE: EACH sealed document must be filed separately with its own docket number.

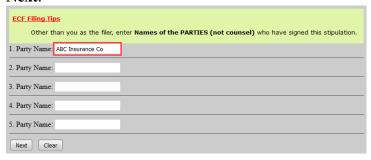
  Do not add any attachments.



- 11. Select whether your document should be **linked** to another document in the case.
  - a. If YES, **check the box** and click **Next**. On the next screen, select the document to which it should be linked.
  - b. If NO, leave the box **unchecked** and click **Next**.

☐ Should the document you are filing link to another document in this case?			
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12. Enter the names of the **PARTIES** (not counsel) who have signed the stipulation and click **Next**.



13. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.

Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.	
SEALED STIPULATION re [1] Complaint	by Sue Jones . Jointly Signed by ABC Insurance Co. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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14. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

Docket Text: Final Text
SEALED STIPULATION re [1] Complaint by Sue Jones. Jointly Signed by ABC Insurance Co. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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continue.
Have you redacted?
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15. The NEF (Notice of Electronic Filing) screen will display confirming the filing.

Notice of Electro	onic Filling
The following trans	saction was entered by ngattycq, MND-TEST on 2/1/2017 at 8:32 AM CST and filed on 2/1/2017
Case Name:	Jones v. ABC Insurance Co
Case Number:	0:17-ev-00001-JNE-SER
Filer:	Sue Jones
Document Number	er: <u>26</u>
Docket Text: SEALED STIPUI	LATION re [1] Complaint by Sue Jones. Jointly Signed by ABC Insurance Co. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)

16. Follow the procedure on page 37 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document

or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document. No Joint Motion Regarding Continued Sealing is required.

### Redacted Document or Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact (Non-Motion Practice)

1. Select **Civil** from the filing menu.



2. Select **Other Documents** under the Other Filings Category.



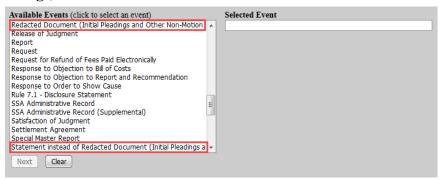
3. Enter the Case Number and click Next.



- 4. Click Next
- 5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. Select Redacted Document (Initial Pleadings and Other Non-Motion Filings) OR Statement instead of Redacted Document (Initial Pleadings and Other Non-Motion Filings) and click Next.

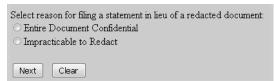


- 7. Label and upload the redacted document.
  - a. Enter a **description of the sealed document** (i.e. *Sealed Exhibit B* or *Sealed Affidavit*).
  - b. Click the **Browse** button to attach the **redacted document** OR **statement** and click **Next.**

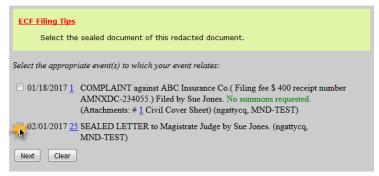
\*\*NOTE: EACH redacted document must be filed <u>separately</u> with its own docket number. One Statement may be filed for multiple sealed documents. Do not add any attachments.



8. If a **STATEMENT** is being filed, **select the reason for the statement** and click **Next**. If a REDACTED DOCUMENT is being filed skip this step and go to step 9.



9. Select the sealed document that relates to the redacted document and click Next.



10. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.

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Redacted Document for [25] Sealed Letter	. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)		
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Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.			
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by Sue Jones. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)			
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11. Confirm that the correct document has been attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.

Docket Text: Final Text
Redacted Document for [25] Sealed Letter . (ngattycq, MND-TEST)
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12. The NEF (Notice of Electronic Filing) screen will display confirming the filing. Note that this is a public filing.

	U.S. District Court			
	U.S. District of Minnesota			
Notice of Electronic Filing				
The following trans Case Name: Case Number: Filer:	saction was entered by ngattycq, MND-TEST on 2/1/2017 at 8:32 AM CST and filed on 2/1/2017  Jones v. ABC Insurance Co 0:17-cv-00001-JNE-SER Sue Jones			
Document Number: 27				
Docket Text: Redacted Document for [25] Sealed Letter . (ngattycq, MND-TEST)				

### FILING SEALED CASE INITIATING DOCUMENTS

- 1. At this stage you have already opened the case and you are docketing the initiating document.
- 2. Click **Next** to verify you have entered the correct case number.



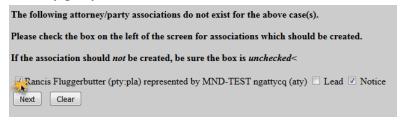
- Click Next.
- 4. Select the **applicable event** (i.e. Complaint or Notice of Removal) from the event list and click **Next.**



5. Select the filer by clicking on the appropriate party and click Next.



6. ECF will prompt the filing attorney to add himself/herself as counsel for the filing party(ies). Place a check in the box(es) to the left of the party name(s) to create an attorney/party association and click **Next.** 



7. Select the party that the filing is **against** and click **Next**.



8. Click **Yes** to file a sealed document and click **Next.** 



9. Read the **Filing Tip** and click **Next.** 



10. Select **ONLY** the **parties** who should have **access to the document**. \*\***IMPORTANT**:

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11. Enter the **filing party** and click **Next**.



- 12. Upload the documents.
  - For Complaints: Click the **Browse** button to attach the **Complaint** as the main document, attach **ONLY** the **Civil Cover Sheet** and click **Next**.
  - For Notices of Removal: Click the **Browse** button to attach the **Notice of Removal**, attach the Summons/Complaint and other applicable state court documents and the Civil Cover Sheet then click **Next**.
- \*\*NOTE: Any exhibits, declarations, or other attachments to the sealed initiating document (sealed or public) must be filed separately.

ECF Filing Tips For SEALED Complaints:				
1. Attach the SEALED Complaint as the Main Document 2. Attach the Civil Cover Sheet as Attachment 1. 3. Each SEALED Exhibits MUST be filed as a separate docket entry. 4. Non-Confidential Exhibits must be file separately from the SEALED exhibits. Multiple non-confidential exhibits can be filed together as one docket entry. 5. File ALL other documents separately.				
Select the PDF document and any attachments.				
Main Document  Browse 000 ECF Test Document.pdf				
Attachments	Category	Description		
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2. Browse No file selected.		•		
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13. Select if you would like a **summons** issued and click **Next**.



14. Answer the **payment questions** and click **Next**. If your answer is **Yes**, proceed to step 20.



15. Read the **fee payment** information and click **Next** to proceed to the payment screens.



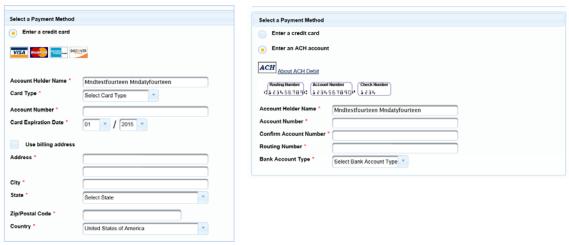
a. You may be asked to re-enter your **PACER Credentials** at this point.



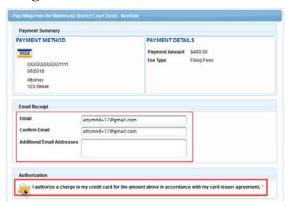
16. Select a **payment method** and click **Next**. You may select an account on file in your PACER account, a credit card account or an ACH account.



b. If a new account is selected, enter all required **credit card** or **ACH** account information.



17. If desired, enter the email address(es) to which PACER should send a receipt for the transaction. Check the box at the bottom of the screen to authorize payment of the filing fee and click Submit.



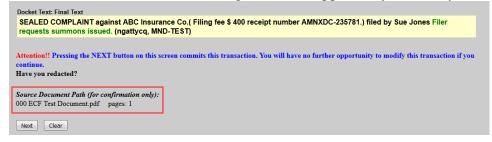
#### 18. Click Next

IMPORTANT: Please click <b>Next</b> on THIS and the next TWO screens to complete the filing of this event and for a Pay.Gov receipt number.	
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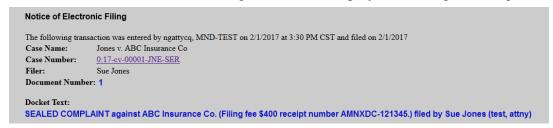
19. Modify docket text if necessary (not required) and click Next.

Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate.					
SEALED COMPLAINT	against ABC Insurance Co.( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number AMNXDC-235781.) filed by Sue				
Jones Filer requests summons issued. (ngattycq, MND-TEST)					
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20. Confirm the correct document is attached and the docket text is correct. Clicking **Next** will finalize the transaction, offering no further opportunity to modify the filing.



21. The NEF (Notice of Electronic Filing) screen will display confirming the filing.



- 22. Follow the procedure on page 32 to file the **redacted document** or **Statement that Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact**. The redacted document or statement should be filed immediately following the sealed document.
- 23. A motion seeking leave of the court to keep the complaint or other initiating document under seal is required (use Motion to Seal Document under LR 5.6(e) event). This motion should be filed immediately after the redacted document or the Statement that the Entire Document is Confidential or Impracticable to Redact.

